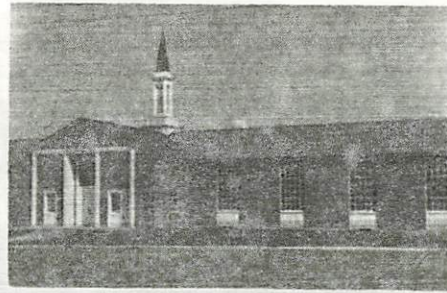


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The present Wallsburg Ward Chapel, constructed between April 29, 1949 and April 29, 1950, and dedicated May 14, 1950 by Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve.

munity was asked to pledge \$500 toward the structure. All did this and some gave more, in addition to donating labor toward the project.

By April some \$35,000 had been raised and permission had been received from the Church officials in Salt Lake City to begin construction. The old chapel was torn down and work began on April 29 to build a new church.

For a year the men, women, boys and girls of the community worked hard under the direction of Alfred Chapman who was construction superintendent. Friends and relatives from other areas also helped toward the project.

By April 29, 1950 the structure was completed and furnished, ready for dedication. Within that year's time the \$76,000 project had been completed and paid for by the 330 members of the ward. Elder Spencer W. Kimball of the Council of the Twelve dedicated the chapel on May 14, 1950. More than 600 persons attended the dedicatory service.

COMMUNITY EVENTS IN WALLSBURG

Electric power came to Wallsburg in 1929. Early in that year the Utah Power and Light Co. asked every family in the community to contribute \$135 toward construction of power facilities into the town. The money was collected and work began on the line. In August of 1929 the power lines were completed and the electricity turned on. Each year for many years there was a celebration in the town to commemorate this event which proved of great worth to the residents.

In 1934 work was begun on a community water works system. The system was completed in 1935 and proved a great convenience. Prior to this time water was hauled in large barrels from the spring in the center of town.

Through the years Wallsburg has depended on farming and dairying for its income. The first money came into the area as men would pick tanning bark from trees and take it to Salt Lake City where they would sell it to be used to tan leather for shoes.

For a few years an excellent creamery was maintained by Alfred Ford, Jr., on the property now owned by Otis Ercanbrack. High quality butter and cheese were produced in this creamery. Another creamery was owned by George Nuttal. Milk produced in the valley today is trucked to Salt Lake City or other large cities in the area.

Because it is sheltered by mountains on all sides, Wallsburg has been a favorable farming area. The temperature is somewhat warmer than in other parts of Wasatch County and the growing season a little longer. Crops that have been grown successfully through the years include sugar beets, cabbage, lettuce and wheat.

Sheep, cattle, chickens and turkeys have also been raised in the valley, both for local use and for sale to other areas.

Wallsburg is also the site of a pioneer monument erected on July 24, 1936 by the Utah Pioneer Trails and Landmark Association. The monument, dedicated to the old Wallsburg Fort, has the following inscription:

"This monument stands 62 feet south and 2 feet east of the center of the fort, built in 1862 by William M. Wall and the pioneers of Wallsburg. Twenty families lived in the fort which was 400 feet square. This valley, known to the Indians as Little Warm Valley, was later called Round Valley and finally Wallsburg honoring its founder."

Members of the Wallsburg Ward Aaronic Priesthood also assisted in placement of the official marker.

As with the other areas of Wasatch County, Wallsburg was built by the faith and determination of sturdy pioneers who established a thriving community life and offered a heritage to their ancestors based on the Christian belief, "Love thy neighbor as thyself."